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they grow from bulbs
& come back in the spring
like snakes uncoiling.

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their name means small sword.

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rimbaud went to abyssinia
& smuggled them.

MORNINGLAND

finally after much effort we
succeed in tracking down her girlfriend
who now owns a health food store
& is a member of a religious commune
or something has friends with
names like karass and dharma
who all wear these airbrushed
t-shirts and order margaritas
without tequila when we go out
for dinner at the mexican place

SAN DIEGO

she works part time
fixing up & then selling
oriental rugs her latest
one & only true love
has left her gone to denver
she tells me how much he's
like the lady i'm with
shows pictures full of muscles
is into health foods yoga
astrology the usual she even
balls an up & coming rock star
on the side we smoke joints
she makes me gin & tonics
in the morning breakfast